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THERE is a growing taste for the politically bizarre: side by side with reluctance to pay taxes, this curious post-war taste has produced *Poussade II* in France and *Poussade II* in Greece. A third may turn up anywhere. The springing up of odd political parties, with an odd still, is a measure, perhaps, of the undefined but constant anxiety that nowadays afflicts the ordinary man and woman of so many countries. Uncertain national security is reflected in the uncertainties of personal security and one result of this may be a popular tendency to be rid of the devil you know and make way for the devil you don't.

IN Greece, where, aside from the Poussade extravaganza of Mr. Secretary Papadopoulos, there appears to have developed a Popular Front extending from Mr. Papadopoulos' centre-party liberals to the thinly disguised Communists of the United Democratic Left, the more or less normal internal pressures of the State have been complicated and aggravated by external pressures, behind much of which lies the weight of Soviet Russia. Cyprus and the Turco-Greek dispute are admirable implements of political and social demolition, and from all accounts they have been used skillfully in Greece by supporters of Communism.

EARLY this month the Greek Government claimed that it had seized a number of secret documents, which had passed between the head of the Communist underground movement, Mr. Goussias, and the outlawed party leader, Mr. Zachariades, who is said to be living in one of the Communist countries. The documents, which were described as of "supreme national importance," are alleged to have referred to an underground campaign for Greece from NATO and for the exploitation of the Cyprus issue with the object of promoting anti-American feelings in Greece. Whether these secret documents indicate really serious subversive activities or not, their apparent existence and discovery add to the sense of uncertainty and anxiety among the Greek people, especially during an electoral campaign which seems to be rising to new levels of malice and bitterness.

THE impression grows that the cold war has been withdrawn from its customary battlefields, or that at least a truce of sorts has been declared. The cold war forces in their more conspicuous lines, and that Soviet Russia has shifted its main effort to what at one time were thought to be secondary fronts. The Communists, perhaps, are looking for a "soft under-belly," and seem to think they have found it in the Middle East.

ANOTHER so-called Communist document was disclosed by "El Popolo," the Chicago Democrat newspaper publishing in Rome, about the same time as the Greek disclosures were made. Mr. Khrushchev was said to be its author, and to have instructed the party leaders in Italy and elsewhere to work up "popular pressure" in readiness for dealing the West a "serious blow." There seems nothing particularly new or sensational in these tales of Russian subversion. But it is becoming pretty clear that a "cold war" is developing along lines which indicate a Russian desire to avert thermo-nuclear war, but at the same time to keep up, and indeed intensify, political and, where possible, economic war.

IN most unstable countries I sadly enough, nearly all of them are on the "free" democratic side of the line. The field for political and economic warfare is easily set. This summer, in Greece, the Middle East and much farther afield, the battle may be joined.

Jerusalem, January 22.

SUDAN GOVT WINS CONFIDENCE VOTE

KHARTOUM, Thursday (Reuter).—The Government of Ismail al-Ashari, defeated in a budget debate yesterday, won a vote of confidence in Parliament today. The Government was defeated by two votes yesterday on a divorce bill, during the third reading of the budget bill.

The partners and staff of
Sommeli, Chaikin, Citron & Co.
closely mourn the untimely death of
Mr. Shimon Schurr
a partner and cabinet their heartfelt sympathy to his
wife, his sons and other members of his family.

32 Dead as Police Fire on Unruly Bombay Crowds

BOMBAY, Thursday (Reuter).—A police force estimated at 12,000 fought angry mobs from dusk to dawn in Bombay overnight in an attempt to enforce a curfew against an order banning Bombay under central government administration.

The death toll in the northern industrial area has risen to 32.

Seven persons were killed and 53 injured in today's clashes in north central Bombay. Police casualties were one dead and 27 injured. The crowd occurred when police attempted to disperse a mob looting shops and public property. Twenty-five persons were killed when police opened fire on unruly crowds yesterday.

By noon today, police had opened fire 60 times.

The curfew was extended round-the-clock in several areas of Bombay to confine people indoors. In one part, crowds surrounded a police station and closed in behind a hail of stones. Police reinforcements prevented the few policemen on duty at the station from being manhandled.

During the night a glass factory was set on fire causing damage estimated at \$15,000. Industrial life in north and central Bombay was at a standstill and schools and other educational institutions were closed.

Reports said that the situation was worsening and it is understood that the Army has been alerted to stand by to restore order.

The Chief Minister of Bombay State, Mr. Morarji Bhesi, cut short a tour and hurried back to Bombay for talks with senior military officers and civilian officials.

Dulles Rapped in French Assembly

PARIS, Thursday (UP).—The newly-elected National Assembly met for 23 minutes today in an atmosphere of bitter antagonism that promised to keep the nation without a stable government for some time to come.

The 594 deputies, with 32 to be elected later, assembled for the first time under the presidency of the late President, René Coty, and a year-old Communist, M. Marcel Cachin, to begin organizing for the next government. M. Cachin, in accordance with tradition, presided by right of age.

In the traditional speech delivered at the Assembly's inaugural session, he attacked the controversial article by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, who had said that he had avoided war by leading the West to the "brink of the abyss" three times in the past decade.

Then, in a quavering voice, M. Cachin urged a "popular front" government to include the Communists. However, there was little likelihood of that.

Today's first session was largely ceremonial and procedural. Following Mr. Cachin's brief speech, the deputies began organizing into committees to validate their own elections before choosing a new Speaker next Tuesday. Mr. Cachin's brief speech, the deputies began organizing into committees to validate their own elections before choosing a new Speaker next Tuesday. Mr. Cachin's brief speech, the deputies began organizing into committees to validate their own elections before choosing a new Speaker next Tuesday.

Egyptian MAC To Resume Meetings

JERUSALEM, Thursday (Reuter).—The Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission machinery, which was stalled in September by an overwhelming number of complaints following the attacks from Egypt, was started up again today, it was understood after yesterday's brief report from Cairo.

No date has yet been decided upon by the new U.N. Chairman, Col. Robert Bayard, who is now in Gaza and who will take over his new task actively some time next week.

A large number of outstanding complaints would, it is some way to be disposed of before the machinery could get moving normally again. These complaints are for consideration by both the regular M.A.C., which meets at Nitzana (el-Auja) and the special M.A.C., which considers emergency complaints at kilometre 55.

Meetings are called by the Chairman following consultation with both delegations.

PRESIDENT COMPLETELY RECOVERED AFTER FALL

JERUSALEM, Thursday (Reuter).—President Ben-Zvi has completely recovered from the slight injury he suffered when he fell after attending a ceremony in Gaza on Wednesday. It was learned last night from Beit Hanan.

Arms Balance is Safe, 'White Paper' Claims

LONDON, Thursday (INA).—The Government deprecates the fact that British surplus war materials indirectly found their way to the Middle East, "but from exhaustive inquiries made" it is satisfied that these do not disturb the balance of power in that region, according to the White Paper issued this afternoon by the Foreign Secretary and the Defence Minister on the export of surplus war equipment.

The documents said the investigation revealed that between 50 and 100 old Sherman tanks without breach blocks which, licensed for export to France, (co-signing of the 1946 tripartite pact) have reached Israel. Also, it said, 151 old Valentine "self-propelled mountings" without breach blocks, licensed for export to Belgium, were sent to Egypt.

Consequently, it was pointed out, "it can be fairly said" that the surplus equipment reaching Israel and Egypt was not only relatively small in amount, but also obsolete, ineffective, and unreliable for war.

Dealing with recent transactions, the White Paper said that the Israel-Egypt armistice organization bought 51 Sherman tanks, completely demilitarized and fit only for use as tractors. It said the Israel Government has stated that the 51 tanks are still held by the organization which took delivery of them in the first place, and all are being used in agricultural projects.

Right of Arab States

The document said that the tripartite declaration, governing the right of Arab States and Israel to maintain armed forces for internal security and legitimate self-defence, and that the Government has supplied and continues to supply limited amounts of arms in accordance with the declaration. It emphasized that the Government will continue to try to prevent an arms race in the Middle East.

It mentioned that spare parts and equipment already exported to the Government authority. (Such supplies were reported as having been shipped from Liverpool recently in the Star of Burs.) It stated that the Government policy has been not to disclose details of such authorized military equipment exports.

Millions of tons of surplus obsolete and worn-out materials were disposed of by Britain and the U.S. in 1946 and 1947, and in 1948, it was stated, this process is still going on but stocks are now virtually exhausted.

SOVIET OFFER TO AID JORDAN REPORTED

The Soviet Union has offered to provide Jordan with financial aid, according to NEARBS yesterday. The offer was reported to have been made through the Soviet Embassy in Cairo.

The political commentator of the British-controlled NEARBS in Cyprus, yesterday expressed doubt as to the ability of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria to maintain regular financial aid to Jordan to replace the annual British subsidy.

He pointed out that it was extremely unlikely that Egypt and Syria would be able to provide assistance in view of her desperate economic situation, while Egypt similarly "in the hands of every pirate she has." Furthermore, he added, Saudi Arabia's capability to give aid is not as unlimited as is believed.

Cairo Radio, meanwhile, said that the aim of Arab aid to Jordan was to strengthen that state in order that she would be able to maintain adequate defence of her territory in cooperation with other Arab countries.

The Jordan Foreign Minister, Hussein el Khaldi, yesterday received the envoys of Britain and France, as well as the Jordan Charge d'Affaires, to acquaint them with Jordan's attitude to the Arab offer of aid.

RUSSIANS TO TRAIN EGYPTIANS IN PRAGUE

WASHINGTON, Thursday (INA).—Mr. Drew Pearson, the well-known columnist, reported today that a special contingent of Russian air force and tank experts have arrived in Prague, Czechoslovakia. They are to assemble the contingent, "consigning" in the meantime and have it ready to put aboard ship the moment all the obstacles are overcome. According to the agreement, Czechoslovakia will also send experts on the various weapons to Syria.

From the types of weapons, it is apparent that the Syrian Army is building up its armoured forces, according to the same source. The Soviet T-34 tank, armed with a 76-mm. gun, is the latest design, while the Soviet S-60 85-mm. anti-tank gun is capable of destroying heavy tanks, small fortifications and useful as a covering weapon against tanks.

The German Tiger tank makes up part of the present Syrian

SMALL ATOM BLAST TEST IN NEVADA

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Thursday (Reuter).—The Atomic Energy Commission's first nuclear test of 1958, a minor one, was held today in the desert near here.

Presumably a small atomic device was detonated. An announcement said "today's test resulted in a detonation of low explosive force, creating a small low-altitude cloud bearing minute amounts of radioactive debris. No off-site radiological problems are expected."

Eden Meets Harding, Cypriots Kill Officer

LONDON, Thursday.—Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden returned from the north today to confer with the Governor of Cyprus, Sir John Harding, who later arrived from Nicosia this morning for "personal discussions and for a personal report to the Government."

In Cyprus, terrorism continued as gunmen killed a British officer this morning in one of Nicosia's busiest streets near Metaxas Square. There were bomb explosions in various parts of the capital. One bomb was thrown at the security headquarters, and two others exploded in the suburbs. (Reuter, UP)

Moslem Brotherhood Leader Released

CAIRO, Thursday (Reuter).—Dr. Hassan el Hodeibi, former Supreme Guide of the outlawed Moslem Brotherhood, was among political prisoners released by the Cabinet last night. He had been sentenced to death for plotting to overthrow the Egyptian government and for complicity in an attempt to assassinate Premier Abdel Nasser, but this was later commuted to life imprisonment.

Although the amnesty specified the release of prisoners who have served two-thirds of their sentences, the Brotherhood leader, who was sentenced on December 4, 1954, spent only a little more than a year in prison. His arrest in November, 1954, followed the assassination attempt on the Premier by a thirteenth on October 26, 1954.

Other political prisoners freed include Karim Tabet, ex-King Farouk's Press Counsellor; Abdul Hadi, a former Premier, and Ibrahim Farrag, a former Wafdli Cabinet Minister. It is expected that all political prisoners will be released before the plebiscite to approve Egypt's new constitution announced on Monday.

The Cabinet last night also decided to combine the election of the President with the plebiscite on the constitution. Under the original plan, Egyptians were to have voted on the constitution on June 23, and for a President on July 7. A Government spokesman said that the Revolution Council had decided to combine the two elections for the first time, and that the National Assembly would exercise this duty later on.

Under present plans, the Assembly is to be elected in the first meeting on July 23—the fourth anniversary of the deposition of King Farouk. The spokesman said that the Cabinet, at its next meeting, would discuss the eligibility of women for election to the National Assembly.

Elath's Urgent Request For British Weapons

LONDON, Thursday (UP).—In a letter tonight to "an adequate supply of defence arms," and rejected in advance any "imposed solution" of her conflict with the Arab states.

The appeal came from Ambassador Elath in a one-hour meeting with the Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd.

The Israel envoy warned Mr. Lloyd that "if attacked, Israel would fight with desperation to protect her independence and integrity."

Mr. Elath blamed the powers who assumed responsibility for maintaining Middle East peace for systematic evasion of their obligation to treat Israel on a footing of complete equality with the Arab states.

Czechs Sell Soviet and Nazi Tanks, Other Arms to Syria

One hundred Soviet T-34 tanks, 50 Russian S. O. anti-tank guns, spare parts for the German Tiger tank machine-guns and ammunition are included in the Syrian-Czechoslovakian arms deal which was signed in Prague by a Syrian military delegation.

Details of the agreement were released by a Tel Aviv resident who returned recently from European contact with the Czechoslovakian arms dealer, who was published yesterday in "Davar."

The conditions are similar to those of the "Egyptian" arms agreement of a few months ago. On the basis of current world prices, the weapons are worth \$10m, though as the case of the Egyptian deal, the contract is more in the nature of Soviet military assistance to Syria, rather than a commercial transaction.

Arms are being sold to Syria at a price close to the price of surplus—less than \$5m.

The fulfilment of the contract is being held up by mutual agreement, however, till after the completion of the Security Council debate on the Israel attack on Kinnert. The Syrian Government has also been asked to put up part of the purchase price in hard currency, though Czechoslovakia has promised to assemble the entire "consignment" in the meantime and have it ready to put aboard ship the moment all the obstacles are overcome. According to the agreement, Czechoslovakia will also send experts on the various weapons to Syria.

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India's U.N. Envoy Confers with Nasser

CAIRO, Thursday (Reuter).—Mr. Krishna Menon, the Indian delegate to the U.N., is to have further talks today with Prime Minister Abdel Nasser.

The two statesmen conferred for two hours yesterday.

Although the Indian Embassy described the talks as "informal," considerable importance has been attached to them in diplomatic circles here.

ENGINEERS DEMAND PROMISED INCREASES

TEL AVIV, Thursday.—A demand that the Government put into immediate effect the wage increases promised them was made today by Government-employed engineers, architects, and agronomists at a nation-wide meeting of their representatives at Engineers' House.

The meeting rejected the Histadrut decision for postponement of the implementation of the promised wage scale, and warned that failure to satisfy their demands would lead to serious disruptions. (See Doctors, Page 3 Col. 3)

U.N. Unanimously Adopts Motion Condemning Israel

Resolution Seen 'Strongest Ever' Soviet Back West's Resolution

NEW YORK, Thursday (Reuter).—The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved a Western resolution condemning Israel for her December 11 attack on Syria.

Russia joined the West in voting for a resolution sponsored by the U.S., Britain and France. The measure carried no provision for indemnities to Syria or punishment for Israel.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Arkady Sobolev, made a futile bid just before the vote to obtain priority for the Yugoslav draft, but the Council voted 8 to 2 (the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia), with Syria abstaining, to take the Western resolution first.

With priority decided, Mr. Joza Brile, the Yugoslav delegate, said that in a spirit of compromise he would vote for the three-power draft even though it was not entirely satisfactory.

Mr. Sobolev then sought to obtain a separate vote on a preliminary clause of the Western draft where note was taken of Syrian "interference" with Israeli activities on Lake Kinneret. But the Western powers objected, thus blocking a separate vote on the paragraph which would have been eliminated had Mr. Sobolev employed the Soviet veto and voted against it.

The Council then unanimously approved the Western resolution condemning Israel for the December 11 attack, and calling on Israel to comply with the provisions of the General Armistice Agreement between Israel and Syria.

After this the operative clauses:

1. Declare that such Syrian interference in no way justifies the Israeli action.
2. Remind Israel that the Council already condemned in its resolution of July 15, 1948, of the terms of the General Armistice Agreement, whether or not undertaken by way of retaliation, and has called on Israel to take effective measures to prevent such actions.
3. Condemn the December 11 attack as a "flagrant violation" of the General Armistice provisions of its (the Council's) resolution of July 15, 1948, of the terms of the General Armistice Agreement between Israel and Syria, and of Israel's obligations under the Charter.

After the vote, Mr. Victor Beaudou said that, as the delegate of France, he had already praised the moderation of the government of Syria and its avoidance of any action which might generalize the conflict.

He wished now as President of the Council, to state that the Council congratulated the Syrian government on its moderate attitude.

The Syrian delegate, Ahmed Shukeiry, then took the floor to thank Council members who "supported our case." The resolution, he said, was a "victory" for the Syrian people, and that the Council's decision was a "serious warning" to Israel, he said.

In order to meet other delegations half-way and to achieve unanimity, Mr. Sobolev said, he was prepared to insist on priority in voting being given to the Soviet-Syrian resolution which would not object to giving priority to the Yugoslav draft. In that event, he said, the Soviet Union would be prepared to support that draft.

Replies to Eban

Mr. Sobolev replying to Mr. Eban's statement said that since previous Soviet statements in consideration of the "Palestine question," there had been incidents perpetrated by Israel which were unjustified violations of the Charter and the Armistice Agreement. This was now the fourth time in two years that Israel had been before the Council for violation of the Charter and Agreement, he noted.

Ahmed Shukeiry of Syria said that the Soviet and Yugoslav resolutions were nearest to the merits of the case, while the original Persian amendments reflected the salient facts embodied in Gen. Burns' report.

The Western draft, although not fully adequate, showed the resentment of the civilized world against Israel's "unprovoked attack," he declared. But Israel's policy was deeply embedded in aggression, and the only remedy was to apply effective measures to "stamp the evil down to the roots," he said.

Shukeiry stated that the Western draft failed to provide for effective measures which would deter Israel from committing further aggression. There was no mention of expulsion of Israel from the U.N. of compensation for Syria for the December 11 attack.

Ike Sees Tension Growing in Mid-East

WASHINGTON, Thursday (Reuter).—President Eisenhower said at a press conference today that the international situation was better and brighter than it was three years ago, but he stressed that there was no cause for complacency.

At the same time, the President pointed to the Middle East, where he said tension was growing. He declared that the U.S. policy was to be friends with all in that region.

Mr. Eisenhower expressed his complete faith in his Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, who has been criticized throughout the world for his handling of the "brink of war" diplomacy. He said that Mr. Dulles was the best Secretary of State he had ever known.

In his first press conference in the White House in five months, Mr. Eisenhower read a telegram which he had sent to the authorities of New Hampshire, telling them that he had no objection to the entry of his name in the Presidential preference primary elections of that state. But he should not be construed as "any final decision" on whether he would stand for a second term.

ITALIAN ENVOY HANDS COPY OF CREDENTIALS

Benedetto Capomacchia, marchese di Campolattaro, yesterday presented Foreign Minister Sharetz with a copy of his Letter of Credence appointing him Italian Ambassador in Israel. He will present his credentials to the President on Tuesday.

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JORDAN: PROFILE OF AN INSURRECTION

The American Scene

Investigations Out of Favour

I WAS waiting in my beleaguered Amman hotel on Wednesday morning, December 21, for a police escort to come and take me to the latest riot, when somebody read me an editorial out of that day's "Palestine" by one Yahya Hawwash. The tourist season, he wrote, might be ruined by "unfounded reports abroad" of trouble in Jordan — and the Department of Tourism ought to do something fast about "trust-repairing propaganda."

Britain was losing ground by the minute just then, but there was something local proof of her profound cultural influence in favour of underestimation. For the recent days of the Hashemite Kingdom had been rocking with mob and military violence. There were already 15 killed and 150 wounded according to the Army's count. 30 killed and 250 wounded according to the rioters' count. Foreign consulates and properties had been stoned, defaced or invaded. Two Cabinets had fallen and Parliament had been dissolved. The only "tourist" with any desire to linger was the new deputy chief of the American Point IV Programme, who had been unable to get nearer his job than the hotel gate since his arrival the previous Sunday.

Bayar Cold-Shouldered

Turkish President Celal Bayar had made an extensive state visit in early November to Jordan up. But the town closed its shops and went on sullen strike. When the Turk rode through the streets the British-trained Arab Legion lined up elbow to elbow to protect him. In Jerusalem, he desperately tried to throw the ice with an extraordinary declaration that if Jordan should one day be a victim of aggression (the meat from Israel, nobody should be surprised to see the Turks fighting Jordan's side) not one ripple of applause.

Visiting the Dome of the Rock, Bayar offered to rescue the Mosque's shrine from the hands of the Turks. Other foreign dignitaries had promised this, and done nothing. Bayar said nothing. But his gesture was dismissed in one sentence on the last page of the newspapers.

Amor Welcomed

Late in November, Major General Abdel Hakim Amer, Egyptian commander-in-chief, received a hero's welcome from Jordanian press and public. The same welcome a few weeks after for Lt. Col. Anwar al-Sadat, Egyptian Minister of State, who announced that he would land on the Mount of Olives for a great Islamic Centre. He did no more about it, but won rapturous acclaim. Nevertheless, before Sadat was to leave, his top soldier, General Sir Gerald Templer, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, arrived — with the Baghdad pact and high hopes in his kit.

The visit of the ex-High Commissioner of Malaya (later, Radio Cairo was to refer to him twice daily as the "Butcher of Malaya") was ostensibly to discuss the revision of the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty, for which Amman had long been pressing though it still had some 15 years to run. An ultra-rightist local press concealed the real agenda, on which Sir Gerald and a cabinet group of seven selected ministers negotiated.

The General was proposing Jordan's alignment with the Baghdad signatories in exchange for nothing less than the complete public recognition of the Arab Legion's sole and exclusive right to expand the area of the Arab Legion's size plus gifts of tanks, guns and other heavy equipment, to be served and maintained as British equipment.

The offer was so handsome it tempted even the Palestinian negotiators. Like a single wonder-pull, it would banish Jordan's current economic headaches, wipe out unemployment and beef up the Army. Only Israel could reasonably object Jordan would be the first Baghdad pact member actually bordering Israel.

Well, what would be bad for Israel would be good for Jordan, wouldn't it? And hadn't the refugees after the Israeli War, cried for an alliance with rich Iraq and scorned feeble Egypt whom the Zionists had trounced?

The Cabinet, in fact, reached the point of unanimously subscribing to Templer's offer — "in principle." But then four Palestinian members, dreading the wrath of their constituents, hunted for cover. These constituents had reversed their minds about Iraq and Egypt. Who was going to tell the café Or, in the Arab proverb, you're a prince and I'm a prince, so who will drive the donkey? The four Palestinians declared that before the General be notified of acceptance, his plan should be submitted to "one Arab state" so that the purity of Jordan's intentions might be approved! That Arab state, of course, was Egypt. It was obvious that Egypt would cry NO.

Palestinians Resist

The Cabinet adjourned without decision on this bizarre proposal. Before the meeting, the Palestinians deemed it healthier to resign. Work began to leak of an ominous crisis over the Baghdad pact. Premier Said al-Rifa'i — a member of the tiny Circassian minority which might be liquidated by popular ire if he made a wrong move — quit too. So did the rest of the ministers. King Hussein summoned Deputy Premier and Interior Minister Hazza al-Majali to form a new government.

At this point, Wednesday, December 14, Sir Gerald departed for London, apparently in good spirits because Majali was a friend of the pact. Recently, Majali had completed a successful mission to London, where he had secured a loan. (It escaped attention that, also recently, Majali as Interior Minister had annexed a swarm of political prisoners, including Communists, "in response to public demand.")

Resistance Organized

LATE on Wednesday, the resister, a Palestinian ex-minister, returned to his home town to justify his resignation. In Amman, alerted refugee-camp delegates drew up a tentative programme of blitz action: strikes; then street demonstrations; then revolt; finally, if necessary, armed struggle. The target: to torpedo Majali's "Pact Government." On the spot was created a "Secret Resistance Committee" Against the Turkish-Pact. Orders went by telephone to the camps, followed by messengers with Circular No. 1. The people of Jordan are warned to stand by for Circular No. 2. The British Consulate and the British Embassy in Amman, and the British Legation in Jerusalem, are to be the targets of a combined resistance of camps and residents against the Majali Cabinet.

On Thursday, 20 notables of Nablus obtained a royal audience in Amman to demand Majali's departure. The King stoutly told them that it was his Constitutional right as Chief of State to designate his Chief of Government. If they had any grievance, they should discuss it with his First Minister. They did — and brought fiery tidings back to Nablus that Majali had challenged them, in effect, to fight him. On Thursday night, Circular No. 2 went forth: "...You are instructed to implement the decision taken for strikes etcetera until Majali has resigned."

From the Egyptian capital, which was widely well-informed from the outset, the British Legation in Amman al-Musallam of Jerusalem dashed off one telegram to the King, another to the Premier, denouncing "attempts by imperialism and its hirelings to corrupt Jordan into the hands of the British Empire." The next day was Friday, the Moslem Sabbath, and the streets broke into noisy headlines. The British Legation in Amman, after failing to ignite the local governor's residence, a crowd hauled down the Union Jack at the British Consulate and made off with the consular shield.

Screaming Women

In Nablus again, on Saturday, the town's womenfolk staged a screaming procession, aided by students. Said a Nablus telegram to west-bank ministers in the new government: "...Indignant at your participation... (in) the conspiracy against the slaughtered homeland... At Hebron three

By Hal Lehrman

refugee camps floated the Mayor-Rifa'i's involuntary religious leader and demonstrated against him. (He had agreed to be Majali's Agriculture Minister)... In the north, at Irbid, schoolboys quit classes and demonstrated for secession to Syria... Serious trouble at Jericho, where mobs burned \$50,000 of clothing supplies for refugees inside a Pennsylvania Dutch Mennonite storehouse, besieged the residence of the missionaries, who telephoned five times before the Legion arrived.

The highway being cut by road-blocks, American Consul Slater C. Buchanan left from the Old City to Jericho over the Jordan River, where he collected some help and arranged the evacuation of eight Mennonites. When Buchanan returned to Jerusalem, he found a phalanx of teenagers blocking access to the Consulate, inside which he had left his wife and two boys, aged five and four.

These first Jerusalem disorders were set off by nationalist rabble-rousers and leftist teachers

at the Maamouniyeh and Rashidieh high schools. "We sent no orders to our people in Jerusalem," an Amman refugee spokesman told me later. "We didn't want to give the Israelis a chance to attack us."

Shops Closed

Meanwhile Amman lay quiet and still. Obedient to the order — or anxious to keep their windows from breaking — all shops in the capital were closed before noon. (There is nothing so ominous in an Arab country as the sound of hundreds of rolled steel shutters clanging down over shop fronts with the sun in the sky. It is the classic prelude to blood in the streets.)

Premier Majali consulted the King, then received Glubb Pasha, next the Egyptian Ambassador. Majali told a correspondent briefly that Baghdad talks "will be resumed when the suitable time comes." He was amazed at signs of unrest. All will be well, he said; responsibility to Palestine and the sister Arab states remained Jordan's prime consideration. The Public Information Office denied a Cairo broadcast that military courts were being set up to try riot-rioters. Nobody had been arrested, said the P.I.O.—the situation was in police hands. The Cabinet seemed blissfully unconcerned. It issued an invitation to a British parliamentary delegation, touring Iraq to stop off in Jordan on the way home.

HEARD ABROAD

We heard mathematical proof that the larger a business, the more so its expenses increase.

The ability to get to the verge without getting into the war is the necessary art.

I feel the military — it is so surreal.

The future of interplanetary travel is rather bright — The astronomer Royal.

By abolishing the death penalty you take away from a prisoner the right to die.

The Manchester Guardian.

A Sabre Abroad—II

London Landmarks

By Reanan Luria



Hyde Park

This is one of the groups that make speeches, sing or recite in Hyde Park. The one in the drawing is singing psalms, and it is led by a unit of the Salvation Army which endeavours to convert and help the lonely and the distressed.

France on the Tight-Rope

By Maurice Carr
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AFTER the general elections, France finds herself poised, as it were, upon a tight-rope over an abyss. Whatever happens, she cannot dither in her present position for very long. Either she will advance rapidly to reach safe ground again, or she will fall with ugly consequences.

To save herself, France has to do very many things very quickly. If she is not to lose the whole of North Africa, she must restore peace in Algeria and consolidate her new friendly ties with Tunisia and Morocco. If she is not to be crushed by German hegemony in Europe, she must safeguard her jeopardized economic links with the Saar, which area, incidentally, threatens to become the starting-point of a powerful neo-Nazi movement liable to engulf all Germany.

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Composition of Parliament

There have been widespread lamentations about the composition of the new National Assembly. At the polls, a large majority of the French people registered their dissent with change as they are, but failed to choose in a specific remedy. However, imperfect this parliament may be, it is the tool with which France is now going to carve out her destiny for better or for worse. It merits close examination.

On the far left sit 145 Communists. On the far right sit 94 Poujadists. Together, these extremes occupy more than one-third of the Assembly. Sandwiched in between are some 160 Left-of-Centre Deputies belonging to the Republican Front, about 200 Right-of-Centre Deputies who identify themselves as "Faurists."

None of these four blocs has a majority to enable it to govern alone. There will have to be some kind of coalition. There is no likelihood at any time in the immediate future, of a "Popular Front" Government of Mendesists and Communists, or the Less Blum model. A Faurist-Poujadist combination is with-informally inadequate and politically inconceivable, even though Poujadès has publicly stated that he prefers Fauri to Mendès.

As a way out of the quandary, the Mendesists have proposed a homogeneous Republican Front Government "contractually committed to a dynamic programme at home and abroad according to a set timetable."

Holding the Rope

Since the Republican Front is a parliamentary minority, it could survive only if it received the backing — without governmental participation — of either the Right or the Left or both. In fact, the Mendesists are prepared to walk the governmental tight-rope alone, provided that the ends of the rope are held taut by the Faurists or the Communists or both.

The uninitiated may be surprised to learn that the Faurists and Communists alike seem quite anxious to hold the rope for the lone, dangerous act of the Republican Front. The explanation is simple. First, there is the prospect of not unpleasantly to the anti-Mendesist of Right, and Left — that the Republican Front will tumble and break its neck. Failing that, the Communists hope that their parliamentary support of the Republican Front would pave the way for a "Popular Front" Government. The Faurists, for their part, en-

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The Sub-Committee

Mr. Sourwine came up the hard way. He came to Washington at the age of 19. He worked with the American Automobile Association, and later edited a local motoring magazine. Later still, he got a job as a trainee in the Woodworth organization. When the great slump came, he found work as a reporter on a small Washington news service. He bought the service in the end. At the same time he qualified as a lawyer in night school.

His chance came from the late Senator Pat McCarran whom he had got to know as a reporter. Senator McCarran was the architect of an Act of Congress that cut down the entry of aliens into the U.S. and set right rules for their political screening. Sourwine served him as a counsel and from him learnt to hate Communism as men hate disease and disfigurement. Senator McCarran was the liberal internationalist in U.S. newspapers and so, apparently, does Mr. Sourwine.

He persuaded a reporter, a clerk in the Index Department, an education editor and a mechanical department proof reader of the New York Times staff to admit in public that before the war they had been members of the Communist Party for a short time. And that, apparently, is all. But the most important aspect of these new investigations is the public reaction. As far as one can see — it is cold disappointment.

Washington Focus

WASHINGTON is, of course, a one-industry town. Its business is government. There are also some light industries, a large ecclesiastical establishment, the universities and a concentration of Roman Catholic establishments on a windy hill which is called the Latin Quarter. But it is government that matters.

Government departments are housed in a mass of ponderously classical buildings. They are full of surprises. You telephone the Department of Agriculture, of course Mr. So-and-So will see you. You arrive — room 5005 on the fifth floor of the Number 5 wing. A small room with four people working at piles of files at crowded desks. One of them finds a chair for you. You ask your questions. More files come out. Eventually, you come to the gambit — that's not my department. See So-and-So in room 1001 in the Number 1 wing of the other building.

Beats down the corridors that bustle like a Levantine bazaar. The pretty coloured girl says you can't smoke in her lift. Through the bronze doors, and out into the courtyard. Hurry through the wind into more bronze doors.

Go through a pillared atrium where there is an extension of bread. Dozens of sticky cakes in glass cases. Photographs of Lenin, old men chattering in a corner. A great cardboard leaf in the centre entitled: "Give us this Day." Samples of wheat are shown all looking identical. Down into the basement. Room 1001 is still more crowded. Even more friendly. Come right in. That's what we're for. Here figures, quite the same as in room 5005.

I am assured that New Zealand's interests are being carefully watched. Come again any time. What did you say your newspaper was Mr. Sullivan? And out again into the wrong street, crossed by stone bridges where Japanese collage is despairingly trying to stop private cars in mistake for taxis. Hurry back to the 10th floor of the Press Building. Seven foolscap pages of notes.

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Mayan Gods and Italian Design

A FASCINATING collection of "Mayan Paintings," copied by Felipe Neri Gonzalez and being shown to Dr. Jorge Garcia Granados, the Guatemalan Minister to Israel, is on exhibition at the Bezalel Museum.

Most of the paintings are copied from the three Mayan codices, one in Dresden, the other in Paris, the third in Madrid, which represent almost all that survives of the book-painting of the Mayas whose culture was the highest ever reached by the original inhabitants of the American continent. The rest of the pictures are taken from the friezes in the temples of Copan.

Even a layman could not confuse the clear and simple forms of the Mayan gods with the much more complicated and grotesque pictures of the Aztecs, the heirs of the Mayan culture, of whose work much more survives. Gonzalez used the very colours that were known to the Mayas and achieved magnificent results.

The pictures of the Mayan gods speak for themselves almost like those of the Greeks, and while the distortions in the human features impress as exotic, the architectural friezes bear a strange resemblance to the decorative art of Coosco and Troy. This is an exhibition no one who is interested in the roots of America's pre-Columbian art can afford to miss.

Cornelia Dead

CORNELIA Pollak, who died after a protracted illness at the Malbin Hospital in Beer Yavok last week, was an internationally known ceramist in the European and the World War. Her Parisian shows were always a great success. In Israel, Cornelia Pollak did not succeed in securing a workshop of her own, but worked in a factory, and it was only in her spare time that she could create the figures that were recently shown in Jerusalem.

Her untimely death is a great loss to Israel's art and culture. Even if her style was eclectic, her technical skill was unequalled in this country. Her influence as a teacher would have been beneficial.

Cerebral Works

THE link uniting the Italian graphic artists now on view at the Carmel Studio, Wedgwood Avenue, is their preoccupation

with form and design. The only significant content occurs in Montanari's lovely sensual "Faun" playing on his flute, but the two disembodied mouths appearing above the classical figure reveal the inherent sophistication.

For they are all cerebral. Campigli, the most plentifully represented, teams with historical allusions. His women derive from a cross between Quattrocento and 1912 styles (incidentally his best work is the "Two Women" acquired by the Bezalel Museum). "Theatre," its grouped figures set in niches, without regard to perspective, recalls Florentine busts or Roman funerary sculpture. The artist's debt to both the past and to modernism is clear. In "The Women on the Staircase," where one notes that all his line emanates from the human body contracted at the top of the head, he gives, educated and, true to type, the artistic potential tends to pastiche.

Music, who hails from Dalmatia, is different. Two coloured dragons represent horses running free against a background of mounds. The bare landscape is artificial, the horses coloured purple, sepia and yellow. Another work presents an abstract based on animal forms, enclosed within a heart-shaped contour. Music's tonality seems infused with light. He gives, superficially, the impression of spontaneity.

Israel Picture Shown to German Parliament

THE German documentary, "Israel - The State of Hope" was recently shown before members of the Federal Bundestag.

THEY DIED 80,000 YEARS AGO

The world's oldest insect apes - their estimated age is 80,000 years - have been discovered in the amber of the Arctic Circle.

The insects were trapped in the amber during the Cretaceous period and their bodies are extremely well-preserved. The Arctic Institute of North America, which sponsored the research, reports that the insects have been found in the form of fossil impressions. (UNESCO)

Radio Review Well-Paced, Scintillating Forum

LAST week's programme in the series "The Critics" over Gai Zahal was one of the most outstanding broadcasts of a long time. There were three participants - Shulamit Har-Even, Uri Sela and Azaria Hapoori. They chose an ending which was the Habimah production of Schneur's "Pande the Hero" and the Adloyada carnival. In fact, the schneur play was summarily dismissed and the discussion centred around the general problem of representing the Diaspora on the stage in Israel, or as Uri Sela put it - how to present the Diaspora on the stage without turning the Israel youth into anti-Semites.

Shulamit Har-Even claimed that no real play on Diaspora had been presented here, and sighed for a production of "Abie's Irish Rose" (of which she presumably knew nothing). It is ever so true that she might have a St. Uri Sela held that the Israel attitude to the Diaspora had veered from absolute negation in the early decades of Zionism to extreme emotionalism as a result of its extermination; a strictly objective approach had never been made.

In the ensuing discussion on the Adloyada, Uri Sela stood out for its retention while the others supported its abolition for the present time. The arguments "against" seemed the more convincing; it was pointed out that an expenditure of 11,000,000 is hardly justified for a handful of tourists who may well cancel should there be a last-minute scare, while the local population does not attend an Adloyada to boost its morale.

All this extensive argument was compressed into 15 minutes, possessing real radio quality - pace, entertainment and intelligence. The criticism was subtle, cheeky and stimulating - and not the European school of extension lecture which so often passes as criticism. The talk was adult and on occasions sparkling. It was one of those rare occasions when a programme did not seem to run too long.

This feature is being broadcast fortnightly on Tuesdays at 8.45, and there is a programme each week. If it is anywhere near the standard of the last one, it will be worth hearing and a refreshing experience.

THE same evening Gai Zahal commenced a new series of fortnightly thrillers, and the first one chosen was "Lesson in the Art of Murder" by George and Margaret Cole, adapted by Michael Alma. This was not a very convincing choice, at least in its radio form. There was no real tension while the intellectual challenge (which could have been expected from G.D.H. Cole) was almost entirely absent. The climax, where the detective impersonates the murdered man, was over too quickly, and in any case left too many questions mark. Why did the murderer adopt the very method which he had previously explained to his victim? Why wasn't the detective affected by the poisoned cigarette? A poor explanation was given to the second query, while the first was explained on the grounds of the murderer's lunacy. All mysteries which turn on the murderer being mad should be outlawed, as should all works of suspense which end in the hero waking up. That is plain cheating.

The individual performances in this broadcast were quite good, especially the murderer and the detective.

I HAD the welcome opportunity of hearing the broadcast of Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" the night I saw it performed, thereby permitting a clarification of some of the obscure points of this remarkable play, although many facets - especially the Pagan episodes - re-

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"Biblical" Bar

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THE Ramat Aviv Hotel is opening a new Grotto Bar, which depicts the story of the loves of Solomon on its walls. Figures of camels and shepherds and quotations from the Bible are painted by the artist Isaac Hershkovitz, exactly as they appear in ancient manuscripts.

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The book shows a searching look at the enduring elements of the Jewish spirit that is persistently questing for truth, and struggling for identification with the world in the framework of its national life.

Itzik Manger, a lyrical troubadour, disavowed the wailers in affirming that "the best works in Yiddish will live for ever."

Jacob Gladstein viewed America as a "hymn to humanity" and he prophesied a revival of interest in Yiddish. Aaron Leyeles-Glans insisted that Yiddish must live because without it we are mute. Sh. Niger, the noted critic, who recently passed away, likened the literature to a chemical substance which will suf-

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WATERFRONT. By R. Schulberg.—Random House, New York.—\$22 pp. \$2.95.

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a novel of the same story. At least he calls it a novel, but it is rather a fictional report on the events that took place on the New York waterfront, lifted to the level of literature.

To explain why he did such a thing, he has written an essay in "The Saturday Review," in which among many other thoughtful things, he says: "A fictionist act, of course, but a kind of thing to wonder." And he also comforts those pessimists who fear that the new medium mean the death-knell for the book — a fear this reviewer does not share — by remarking that "in spite of all the frightening mechanical advances of these new media, the book is still the essential civilising influence."

BOOK PU

Israel publishers issued some 1,000 Hebrew books during the Jewish year, 5715 (September 1954 — September 1955) according to a report issued this week by the Public Information Office. This number, which constitutes a five-per-cent increase over the preceding year, includes both original editions and reprints. Of these, 75 per cent were original Hebrew works and 25 per cent translations.

The largest category — about 25 per cent — comprises works of fiction; among them 150 new works in Hebrew and 100 translations. This proportion between original works and translations is the best of those has been maintained during the past few years.

An average novel published in Hebrew (whether original or translation) can count upon an average sale of 2,000-2,500 copies. A sale of 6,000 copies classifies the book as a "best seller," and very few titles reach this high figure. On the other hand, the sales figures do not reflect accurately the extent of Hebrew reading in the country. The use

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(Vanguard, ILA 875) is a satire in the great Waugh tradition. There is an impressive inevitability about Dennis' satires and their impossible destinies; this is indeed high comedy. Strongly recommended.

American Humour

There are three good anthologies of the works of American humorists, all recommended: *The World, The Flesh and H. Allen Smith* (Hanover House, ILA 900), *Perelman's Hesse Companion* (Simon & Schuster, IL 4550) and *The World of Brand-*

mannes (Viking, IL4.435).

Wydhram Lewis' *Self-Consumed* (Regency, IL5.300) purports to be a translation of a Hebrew text, but is certainly savage, but rather heavily so.

After all this light relief I recommend the tragic and impressive *The Night of the Hunter*, by David Grubb (Doll, 485 pp.). This is a sombre and terrifying story of a man living in a nightmare. Since it involves a madman and river people it strikes a chord reminiscent of "Huckleberry Finn" but it is not. "Huck" turns inside out with the forces of evil in the ascendant and the saving grace of humour removed. Nevertheless it is recommended to those who wish to take their reading in morbid doses.

After this Nicholas Monaghan's *Conan* (Grove, IL4.4650), which claims to be a novel in the Gothic manner, is very much only a novel in the name. It is a novel, a Conan novel should go to sea again, the only sea and stars — he is far happier out there among the waves. His "Ezther Costello," by the way, is a translation of a Hebrew translation (Hamamit, Tel Aviv).

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other modern successor to the mediaeval *Mirabilia Urbis Romae*. Its purpose is not a description of the surviving monuments and ruins of ancient Rome in their present state, nor a learned reconstruction of what the "marvels of Rome" looked like in ancient times. The book consists of some 150 pages of text and well over 200 annotated full-page illustrations, all of which is intended to recapture

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Book V

Books to the value of about \$1,000,000 have been reported for 1964-65, of which \$1 is estimated that \$100,000 worth were religious books. The other include technical books, books on medicine, mathematics, Hebrew classical literature, Jewish science, social sciences, fiction and books for children and youth.

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**WORLD POPULATION AND RE-
SOURCE.** A report by Political
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— Allen and Unwin, London 50p.

Most of the books on population are written to make out a case for the world's population as a whole, or for a particular area, is not entirely outside the truth, but the modern authors are more than most of their predecessors. Their authors do not pretend to know what the world's population will be in 20 years' time, and they would not dispute that the chances that world population will then have ceased to grow, or that the world's food supply in birth rates, are as good as the chances that population will then be growing faster than ever. Neither do they pretend to know how many people the world will have to support in 2008, what metals men will then be seeking, what will be the techniques of food production, or how the techniques of food supply may have become. Such modesty is a welcome change from the usual run of books on population.

P.E.P. specifically confines its speculations to the next 25 years, up to 1983. There is no doubt that the increase in knowledge of the economy in this short period, but revolutionary changes in practice are much less likely because of

Birth Control for Asia
The only positive conclusion which emerges from the mass of material assembled in this volume is that it is more urgent to make Asia than elsewhere to make propaganda for family limitation. Asia's population is already growing rather slowly, and Africa, rich in American dollars, is richer still. The American dollar room still have a fair amount of room, both for their natural in-

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A well-to-do merchant, he always had a strong urge towards literature and a reaction, which found expression in a volume of poems and a play, but it was the catastrophe of 1914 which inspired his novel "Weg ohne Ende" (The Endless Road) and brought him fame almost overnight. With its stress on the faith and fortitude of past generations, it had a strong appeal to Germany's

Before an overflow audience, Mme Marcel Laforgue, wife of the French Consul-General, gave a highly interesting lecture on Monday at the Centre de Culture Française in Jerusalem. The speaker was Claude, the famous French author and diplomat who died last year. Stressing the influence of Rimbaud on Claude's

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otherwise be used to raise living standards. Asia can abolish poverty, or she can abolish the fruits of economic development. It is increasingly difficult to do both simultaneously to a significant extent. Since Asians are so desperate for economic development, they are learning to limit their families. Mr. Nehru himself has said this, and his Government has voted sumptuary legislation, the practice of family limitation.

Development Needed

P.E.F. is so strongly impressed with the possibility that the fruits of economic development may be "wasted" in supporting more people at the poverty line, instead of being used to abolish poverty that it suggests that economic development should not be pursued until after the people have adopted birth control. The idea seems a little odd. People do not want to limit their families until they are blue. The desire for family limitation is itself one of the fruits of development, resulting from education, the desire for emancipation of women, mobilization and other consequences of economic development. The way to limit the decline in birth rate is to proceed simultaneously with development and with birth control propaganda. The propaganda without development is like a student without a teacher, but, say, the

is not likely to have much effect. Unfortunately, the current provision for development is grossly inadequate. There is need for much larger Government expenditure on research and development, and on public health; and need for a sharp increase in capital formation, private and public. Something like a doubling of the resources currently devoted to these purposes in Asia is required, if other countries are to have success similar to those achieved in Japan.

How can the cost be met? Many Asians hoped, immediately after World War II, that Europe

and the United States would agree to contribute substantially but in the event external help has been very small, Asians now face the prospect that they must raise themselves by their own bootstraps, or remain in poverty.

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has got the way of authoritarianism. India is pledged to democracy, and has not yet attempted the levels either of taxation or of capital formation which significant economic progress would require. Economic development in India is both to abolish poverty and also to lay the foundation for bringing down the birth-rate. But whether such development compatible with democracy, in the absence of external aid, is one of the questions which the next 25 years will answer.

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A CURIOUS and somewhat disturbing incident has been reported from a Rehovot packing station, where subversive anti-Soviet pamphlets were found.

'CRIME AGAINST THE STATE' found in a crate of oranges destined for the Soviet Union. Whatever our arguments may be with the Eastern bloc over the armistice of Egypt, their hostile attitude in the Security Council, and a host of other matters, we cannot connive at the smuggling of such material to the Soviet Union. This act is highly objectionable in itself as interference in another state's internal affairs, and would be prevented, if for no better reason, than in order to safeguard normal relations with the Soviet Union and the future of our exports to that country. But for prompt police action these might well have been jeopardized with so touchy a country as Russia, by this piece of foolishness.

Study of the pamphlets themselves immediately reveals that they did not originate in this country but in Western Germany. They appear to have been printed by a small organization in Germany of Russian refugees, and were intended for individual distribution to Russian officers and men in Berlin: indeed together with the Russian text they still include a warning in German, reading "German friends be careful!" The text itself is written as coming from one Russian and addressed to another, and certainly does not raise any of the issues that would necessarily be brought up by an Israeli seeking to influence Russian opinion.

Israel was, in fact, used merely as a post-office in this enterprise, and it seems that the material in question was forwarded here about a year ago — when there were far fewer points of difference between Russia and ourselves — and remained here awaiting an opportunity for further despatch.

The police had little trouble in finding a supply of precisely similar pamphlets on the Tel Aviv premises of the so-called Anti-Communist League, and in detaining its secretary, Mr. Habib Shiber. This small group, which has no record of regular political activity, contains a nucleus of former IZL and LHI members who may have attempted to give it an approximate fascist flavour, but insofar as it exists at all it consists of a shifting body of lunatic fringe hangers-on seeking an outlet for personal grievances or disordered private lives. Mr. Shiber himself has a varied record, which includes a charge of having sold on the black market the allocation of paper he received as head of a "New Immigrants and Ex-Soldiers List" for the 1951 Knesset elections; of having tried to obtain key-money for rooms which did not belong to him; and, not long after his recent conversion to Christianity, of having become involved in fist-fights as a result of attempting to run a Baptist mission and prayer hall on the roof of a Tel Aviv house against the wish of the owner of the premises.

It is not without interest, however, to consider the fact that Mr. Shiber, who has so far always escaped a sentence for any of his border-line exploits, is likely to escape once more. As the law now stands, the nearest statutory offence to his is "insulting a foreign prince," and it is doubtful whether an appeal to Russians to "free their country" can come under this heading. Mr. Shiber is likely to benefit from the fact that the Crimes Against the State Law, first drafted just four years ago, only reached Committee stage in the Second Knesset, in 1954, and will now have to wait for some time until it can be reprocessed by the present body. When completed, it will contain a paragraph making it possible to punish an act "calculated to disrupt good relations with a friendly power," which is precisely what was attempted by the person who placed the offending pamphlets in the crates.

Cypriots Scorn British Plan — But Offer Base

By RAWLEY KNOX

NICOSIA, (CPNS). —

UNLESS Sir John Harding can extract some new proposals from the British Government during his current visit, there is little prospect of a quick settlement of the Cyprus problem. That is the Greek and Greek-Cypriot view of the situation following the renewed talks between the Governor of Cyprus and the Cypriot leader, Archbishop Makarios, that began last week.

The Archbishop was apparently much disappointed to find that Sir John was merely rephrasing the old proposal which makes the attainment of self-determination dependent on the elected representatives of the island first showing that they can responsibly work a self-governing Constitution.

"The British," declared one Greek-Cypriot spokesman, "are to be the sole judges of whether we are capable of working the Constitution or not." He was also contemptuous of the British proposal that the Greek-Cypriot Government should not deny the principle of self-determination, "whereas we want, he declared, in a positive acceptance that will recognize the shape of the island as it is, and that once British had accepted the principle of self-determination with such conditions, he would help to work out guarantees of British self-determination, where the island is required because of the whole complexity of Middle East defense.

What, in fact, the Greeks want, is a solution that will satisfy their emotions ("we are an emotional people," said the Greek Consul here when discussing the whole position with me) whereas the British are formulating plans which have a deflating appeal to logic alone.

Underrate Enosis Sentiment
There is, however, a hidden gap between the two ideas that is more serious. The British hope that, given a reasonable period of the working of the colonial Constitution, the present plans to free Cypriot education from the grip of Greek gymnasia, to

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promote technical colleges and to offer some 50 scholarships a year for Cypriots to go to British Universities would breed a more liberal Cypriot opinion that might think more logically about the whole issue.

If elections took place now — and education could hardly be a reserved subject under a new Constitution — an Assembly of widely enthusiastic Greek supporters would never let such a plan go through. At present only primary education here is directly controlled by the Government.

Archbishop Makarios told me recently that when Cypriots had their own Government even primary education would have to be altered to come into line with that of the Greek Education Ministry.

Behind British planning is the hope that somehow, some day, the 500,000 Cypriots will decide to make their future within the British Commonwealth. Behind the British position is the determination to keep the island as a British colony. British military circles hold strongly that Britain cannot play her proper part in Middle East defense unless she has a powerful ally in the island. To this end, they believe, it is essential that a military base with a potentially hostile population be established. The British military circles are not alone in this view. The Greek-Cypriot circles are also of the opinion that the island is a strategic area and that it is essential that it be kept under British control.

The Greeks indeed have an answer for everything except the Turkish. They insist on regarding Turkish opinion as a piece of Greek imagination. Recent Turkish demonstrations after the murder of a Turkish Cypriot, who was shot by a Greek Cypriot, have made the beginning of an impression. But one has the feeling that the British did not recognize Greek Cypriot aspirations until the bullets began to fly, so Greek-Cypriots will not take their Turkish competitors seriously until warned by violence.

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THIS WEEK...

Foreign Relations In public and private sessions, the members of the Security Council tried all week to find a unanimous compromise resolution to condemn Israel for the Lake Kinneret operation against Syria carried out in December. The small nations on the Council tried to bring together East and West, Yugoslavia's resolution saying that Syria was entitled to compensation, a matter rejected by the West but proposed by the Russians. ... Israel and Syria raised their Legations in Tel Aviv and Rome to the status of embassies. ... An Air India plane made an emergency landing at Lybia Airport; among the passengers was an Egyptian officer returning to Cairo who found Israel hospitality pleasant during his short uncheduled visit.

Security Mapai approved the Lavan Committee proposals for putting the nation on the alert in the face of Arab threats. ... The Government announced that it would pay half the cost of constructing air raid shelters in cities and towns. ... Egyptians fired on an Arab patrol near Nitzana.

Economy An all-out offensive against export stagnation was declared by the Ministry of Commerce, which announced that it would import goods, if necessary, to break up cartels. ... Ship-owners per cent of the estimated revenue for the 1955-56 fiscal year had been collected in the first nine months; it amounted to IL44m., or IL42m. more than collected in the same period last year.

THEATRE NOTES

Good Obel Production
Obel presents "Johnny Belinda" by A. M. Harris. Directed by Indora Hershkovitz.
EVERY one in a while the Obel does surprising and unexpected things. After having put on a number of good plays, it takes a fair to middling play, such as "Johnny Belinda," and turns it into a good production. Much of the credit for this laudation can be laid at the door of Indora Hershkovitz, who directed the play, and Nehama Davidith, who acted the part of Belinda McDonald. Mr. Hershkovitz seems capable of bringing out hidden abilities in the Obel and

THE ACTOR

By EPHRAIM KISHON

diplomats, three at the most. Here no longer young, and there is quite a lot of snow on his temples. A dash of lunacy, a bit of rage on his nose, that's all. You know, I don't need many props...

"But dear master, I really..."
"I know what you want to say: why does he ask Catherine Nikolaevna about the train? And you really think he is interested in when that train is leaving? Don't be silly. He simply must ask something, otherwise he feels he would go out of his mind. You see, this is where the character, the suffering, the eternal human suffering comes in. Because how long can a man stand loneliness at a railway station?"

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YESTERDAY'S PARTY INTERESTS

"A. L. Hamishmar" (Mapai) thinks it strange that the Government as a whole has not seen fit to come before the public with a complete emergency programme and that about Ha'avoda and Mapai have found it necessary to present their own plans, based on the assumption that we are already in a state of war, is far too ambitious and far-reaching while the Mapai proposal is too restricted and incomprehensive. The former may cause panic and the latter does not meet the needs of the situation. Hence the Coalition must work another one out without delay.

Peace or war in the Middle East is in the hands of the great powers and the intensification of the cold war between them only makes the danger more imminent, writes "Davar" (Histadrut). It is to this truth that President Eisenhower and Mr. Eden must address their coming discussions.

The Mapai Ministers' get-together, with A. L. Hamishmar as the main attraction, was a study in the characteristics of their approach to State problems in general.

Those of us who have memories for such things will remember the film which played many years back starring James Wyman. It is the story of a deaf and dumb girl who is treated as something less than human by her father and everyone in the village.

But then the new Dr. Richardson comes to town and he discovers the heart and soul in Belinda and begins to teach her to read and to understand the language of her fellow humans. But she has to suffer a great deal before she can be the final curtain. She is raped by Lucky McDonald, has a child, and is killed by him. The film is a masterpiece of acting and direction, and it is a pity that it is so long.

Actors' Performance
Ya'acov Cnaan did not give a very clear cut picture of Black McDonald. He was so restrained in his dark moods that he became colourless and his change from a man of violence to a man of understanding is unconvincing. Ellyahu Levy is a pleasant, mild-mannered Dr. Richardson. Betty Segal is good as the luckless wife of Lucky McDonald, while Hillel Neuman is an attractive villainous Lucky. Joseph Levy as Father Theodor is better as the man of justice in the last act than he is as the unctuous priest. The rest of the parts are adequately played by Rays Goldin, Hannah Rabin and Rafael Shora. The settings by Joseph Kari are good.

DAVID DOWITZ

PAPER NEWS

Time Magazine reports in its January 9 issue that — "in newspaper offices large and small across the United States, the shortage of Newsprint was pinching hard." Five major newsprint producers have announced in imminent cut-backs of up to 13 1/2% of allotments to customers. The shortage, authoritatively states the Magazine, will grow worse.

Hudson Pulp & Paper Corporation of the United States announced willingness to build a 25 million dollar addition to its plant in Palatka, Florida, for the manufacture of Newsprint. The Company is already engaged in a 13 million dollar expansion programme at its present Florida site. The new expansion will give Hudson one of the largest plants in Florida in any line of manufacture. The Hudson Pulp & Paper Corporation is owned by the Mazur family of New York, chief American investors in Israel's growing paper industry.

3,570 tons of made-in-Israel newsprint were produced by the Hadera Paper Mills during the past year. Since the Hadera mill has been in operation, no newsprint shortage has prevented Israel Newspapers from bringing their readers the latest local and international news daily, and without interruption. Supplements — economic, cultural and special holiday issues, are today a popular feature of all newspapers serving the Israel public.

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